

OPINION 1675

Amphiporus Ehrenberg, 1831 (Nemertea): *Planaria lactiflorea* Johnston, 1828 designated as the type species

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous designations of type species for the nominal genus *Amphiporus* Ehrenberg, 1831 are hereby set aside and *Planaria lactiflorea* Johnston, 1828 is designated as the type species.

(2) The name *Amphiporus* Ehrenberg, 1831 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Planaria lactiflorea* Johnston, 1828, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *lactiflorea* Johnston, 1828, as published in the binomen *Planaria lactiflorea* (specific name of the type species of *Amphiporus* Ehrenberg, 1831), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2707

An application for the designation of *Planaria lactiflorea* Johnston, 1828 as the type species of *Amphiporus* Ehrenberg, 1831 was received from Prof Ray Gibson (*Liverpool Polytechnic, Liverpool, U.K.*) and Dr Frank B. Crandall (*Turkey Run Research Institute, McLean, Virginia, U.S.A.*) on 30 January 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 48: 22–24 (March 1991). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1991 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 48: 23. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1992 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 28: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative vote — 1: Cogger.

Voting for, Dupuis commented that a specimen figured in McIntosh (1873–1874; see para. 6 of the application) should be designated the neotype of *Planaria lactiflorea* Johnston, 1828. Voting against, Cogger commented that to be effective the proposal required that the type(s) of *lactiflorea* are extant and unequivocal and this was not the case.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Amphiporus Ehrenberg, 1831, in Hemprich, P.C. & Ehrenberg, C.G. (Eds.), *Symbolae Physicae, seu icones et descriptiones Corporum Naturalium novorum... Pars Zoologica. Animalia vertebrata exclusis insectis*, p. 63.

lactiflorea, *Planaria*, Johnston, 1828, *Zoological Journal*, 3: 489.